

REMARKS

Status of Claims and Support for Claim Changes Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.173(c)

Claims 1 through 14 and 18 through 73 are currently pending in the present application. Claims 15 through 17 were cancelled in Reissue Application No. 09/569,937 which issued as Reissue Patent No. RE37,853, on September 24, 2002, and which is the subject of the present application. Claims 5-7, 11-14, 18, 19, 21, 22, 24, 31-45, 47-66, and 68-72 have been amended herein. No new matter has been added.

Claims 5-7, 11, 12, 18, 21, 22, 31, 47, 49, 51, 52, 58 and 70 have been amended herein to improve antecedent basis and/or to correct textual errors, and, therefore, have not been altered in terms of subject matter set forth in each respective claim. As such, Applicants submit that citation to specific passages of the specification is not required for support of the amendments.

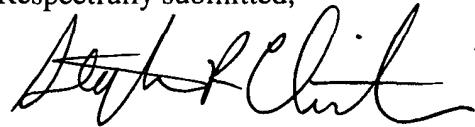
Claims 32, 33, 35-44, 48, 50, 53-57, 59-66, 68, 69, 71 and 72 have been amended to rephrase apparatus limitations as affirmative method limitations or acts, improve antecedent basis and correct textual errors. Applicants submit that such claims have not been amended in terms of the subject matter set forth by each and, further, submit that citation to specific passages of the specification is not required for support of the amendments.

Support for the amendments to claims 13, 14, 19, 24, 34 and 46 may be found, for example, at Column 9, Lines 5-11 of Reissued Patent No. RE37,853.

Applicants request entry of the foregoing amendment prior to examination of the application on the merits.

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